

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Thursday March 29, 2012**

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members Present: Tom Pendergrass, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, Sandeep Singhal, Don Samdahl. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey, Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from February 22, 2012 meeting.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Robert Scheuerman. He is working on an idea for a private group to run a train on the existing rails of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and build a trail. Pointed out that the Boeing Company may want to use the rails as an alternate to the mainline in Seattle. **Lisa McConnell,** Eastside Trail Advocates. Commenting on the CKC Masterplan. Urged the Commission to think of the corridor as more than transportation; for example gardens adjacent to the trail and other features such as access to nearby businesses that would integrate a trail into the community. Also mentioned the need for careful management of sensitive areas including slopes.

All Aboard Washington City staff distributed a letter from All Aboard Washington.

Capital Improvement Program/Transportation Benefit District

Staff described the draft Transportation CIP and the fact that this is no longer major CIP update. The Commission asked a number of questions including could TBD funds be used for the CKC. The Commission questioned funding master plans such as Juanita Drive since it is unclear how the resulting projects will be funded. The Commission noted that it's not clear how projects in the annexation area were prioritized.

Level of Service/Concurrency

Staff presented a memo that summarized the Commission's work on LOS/Concurrency to-date. Discussion by the Commission followed. The Commission agreed with the content of the memo, but still felt unclear exactly how to proceed. It was agreed that staff should attempt to prepare a project list based on the prioritization pieces that currently exist.

Eastside Rail Corridor

Commission discussed use of the Corridor. There was discussion about the timing for removing rails, rail use, etc. Commission recommended removing rails early 2013 unless there is a viable, firm proposal for the use of the rails that would begin operating in 2013 and where such a concept is consistent with the adopted City interest statement. In the meantime, staff should coordinate with other agencies and work on any environmental process that would be necessary for rail removal. Staff showed the KCLS corridor "Convey" website.

Recognition of Don Samdahl

This was Commissioner Samdahl's last meeting. He was presented with a certificate and his accomplishments were noted by the Chair, other Commissioners and staff.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff commented that a speed study will be conducted on 132nd Avenue and that the results will come to the Commission. Also reported on SR 520 tolling. Neir described City of Seattle Greenways and asked the Commission if they had any interest in hearing about them; there was not interest. Neir asked that the Lake Washington Boardwalk project be included on the next agenda. Commission agreed. Pendergrass reported that revised fly-by videos of the SR 520 bridge were now available on the WSDOT website. All others no report.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:37 p.m.